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Maximizing Investment in Housing Innovation

In the fiscal year 2017-2018 Measure H budget \$5,000,000 was included for a Housing Innovation Challenge. \$4,500,000 was committed to five winning proposals in fiscal year 2018-2019. \$3,300,000 has been proposed to expand the Housing Innovation Challenge in the Measure H fiscal year 2019-2020 budget. Before additional funding is committed to expand the Housing Innovation Challenge the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) should assess whether this funding could do more to generate innovative housing for people experiencing homelessness if the funds were invested in the Department of Health Service’s (DHS) Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors (Board):

1. Direct the CEO, in consultation with the DHS, to report back to the Board in 30 days with an assessment of how many housing units could be produced, and how quickly the housing units could be produced, using innovative housing models if the \$3,300,000 in Measure H funding were invested in the Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool versus the Housing Innovation Challenge and delay

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implementation of this funding recommendation until that assessment is completed; and

2. Direct the CEO to report back to the Board in 30 days on whether there is additional Measure H savings in the fiscal year 2019-20 Measure H budget that could be directed to strategies that create permanent housing opportunities for people experiencing homelessness in the County.

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